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To Whom It May Concern:

After reading many of the clauses that were agreed on with the subject settlement it is clear that the Department of Justice has relinquished its role as an enforcement agency for carrying through with Anti-Trust proceedings. This so-called settlement was so lax in its penalty actions towards Microsoft that its even debatable whether Microsoft actually comes out of these proceedings even stronger than before.

Several of the "restrictions" placed on Microsoft were merely just cleverly weasel-worded constraints that does nothing to stop them from using similar avenues as in the past to continue to restrict innovation and brow-beat remarketers.

Not only should Microsoft had to pay a large penalty for its anti-competitive practices (in the billions of dollars) they also should have been made to break up their company into two separate business units (one Operating System, One Applications), at a minimum.

As a fiscal-conservative, I'm embarrassed by what seems to be a complete and total cave-in by Justice, bordering on dirilection of duty.

Best Regards,

Pat

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